

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

MARKET TEST OF EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCT –
GIFT CARDS

Docket No. MT2011-2

**NOTICE OF ERRATA TO
MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
FOR TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF
GIFT CARDS MARKET TEST
(June 27, 2013)**

On June 18, 2013, the Postal Service filed a motion to extend the Gift Cards market test for about 7 months, through January 31, 2014. To ensure that the Postal Service has time to evaluate the impact of its plan to improve sales, the Postal Service would like to obtain the full year extension permitted by 39 U.S.C. §3641(d)(2). The Postal Service therefore corrects the two references to the length of the requested extension in its June 18 Motion (on page 2), to reflect a one-year extension through June 27, 2014. The corrected page is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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Accordingly, the Postal Service requests a one-year extension of the current market test.

Because of the timing of this decision, the Postal Service regrettably was unable to request an extension at least 60 days before the expiration of the market test, as required by 39 USC section 3641(d)(2). The Postal Service therefore requests a waiver of this requirement, and does not believe a waiver would prejudice any interested person. Similar requests have been granted in Order No. 742, at 4-5 (Collaborative Logistics), and Order No. 1577, at 3-4 (Alternate Postage). Because of the short time until the Gift Cards market test will expire, and the value of providing adequate time for interested parties to comment, the Postal Service also asks the Commission to follow the process it used in the Collaborative Logistics case. In that case (Docket No. MT2009-1), the Commission used its Notice and Order to extend the market test for one month, allowing time to develop a record on which to evaluate the request for extension. Order No. 720, at 2 (April 28, 2011).

The market test statute (39 U.S.C. § 3641) contemplates the need for a market test to be extended beyond the 24-month period normally authorized under 39 U.S.C. § 3641(d)(1). In particular, section 3641(d)(2) states that a market test may be extended for an additional 12 months “If necessary in order to determine the feasibility or desirability of a product being tested under this section.” Here, the Postal Service needs more time to determine the impact of its efforts to improve sales, as well as the demand for closed loop cards. Accordingly, the Postal Service respectfully submits that a temporary extension of the Gift Cards market test, until June 27, 2014, would not only be appropriate under these circumstances, but would also be consistent with the